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International Driving Permits

This year there was a statute change regarding drivers' licenses issued by foreign jurisdictions.

Previously, if you were a foreign national in the U.S., you could only operate legally on your home country license if you were here as a bona fide tourist, and your home country was signatory to one of the two conventions on traffic safety.

The statute change allows foreign nations that are not here as tourists to operate legally on their home country license, provided they meet the following conditions:

- 1.) The license must be valid.
- 2.) Applicant must be 18 years old or older.
- 3.) Applicant must be legally present in the U.S.
- 4.) Applicant must have been here for less than one year (the exception to allow legal operation is only valid for one-year).
- 5.) The home country must be party to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic or the 1943 Convention on the Regulation of inter-American Motor Vehicle Traffic.
- 6.) The applicant must possess an international driving permit.

The following page on the DMV website provides detailed information on this matter:
<http://dmv.vermont.gov/licenses/Drivers/Foreign>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Thank you.

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